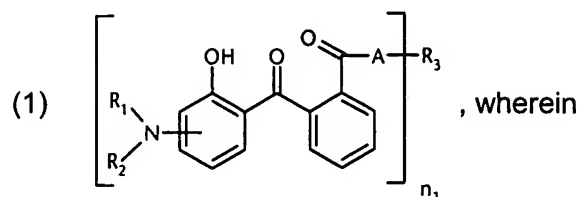


In the Claims

1. (currently amended) Compound of formula



R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are; C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; C_2 - C_{20} alkenyl; C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl; or C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkenyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

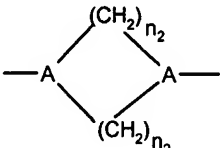
n_1 is a number from 1 to 4;

when $n_1 = 1$,

R_3 is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical; hydroxy- C_1 - C_5 alkyl; cyclohexyl optionally substituted with one or more C_1 - C_5 alkyl; or phenyl optionally substituted with a heterocyclic radical, aminocarbonyl or C_1 - C_5 alkylcarboxy;

~~when~~ when n_1 is 2,

R_3 is an alkylen-, cycloalkylene, alkenylene or phenylene radical which is optionally substituted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group; or a radical of formula $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_2\cdot$ or R_3 together with A forms

a bivalent radical of the formula (1a)  ; wherein

n_2 is a number from 1 to 3;

when n_1 is 3,

R_3 is an alkantriyl radical;

~~when~~ when n_1 is 4,

R_3 is an alkanetetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R_5)-; and

R_5 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_5 alkyl; or hydroxy- C_1 - C_5 alkyl.

2. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl;
or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-
membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is a number from 1 to 4;

~~when~~when n₁ is 1,

R₃ is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; or [[C]]cyclohexyl
substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl;

~~when~~when n₁ is 2,

R₃ is an alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylene radical which is optionally interrupted by a carbonyl- or
carboxy group;

~~when~~when n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

~~when~~when n₁ is 4,

R₃ is an alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

3. (currently amended) Compound according to claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are C₁-C₂₀alkyl.

4. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein

R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₅alkyl.

5. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein

R₁ and R₂ in formula (1) have the same definition

6. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein

if n₁ is 1,

R₃ is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

7. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein
if n_1 is 1,

R_3 is a saturated heterocyclic radical.

8. (original) Compound according to claim 7, wherein

R_3 is a monocyclic radical of 5, 6 or 7 ring members with one or more hetero atoms.

9. (original) Compound according to claim 8, wherein

R_3 is morpholinyl; piperazinyl; piperidyl; pyrazolidinyl; imadazolidinyl; or pyrrolidinyl

10. (original) Compound according to claim 6, wherein

R_3 is an unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

11. (original) Compound according to claim 10, wherein

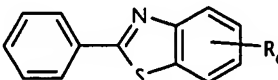
R_3 a polycyclic radical.

12. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1 ~~or 14~~, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula (1a)  R_3 , and

R_5 is polycyclic heteroaromatic radical with one or 2 heteroatoms.

13. (original) Compound according to claim 12, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula (1b)  R_6 , wherein


R_6 is hydrogen; or C_1 - C_5 alkyl.

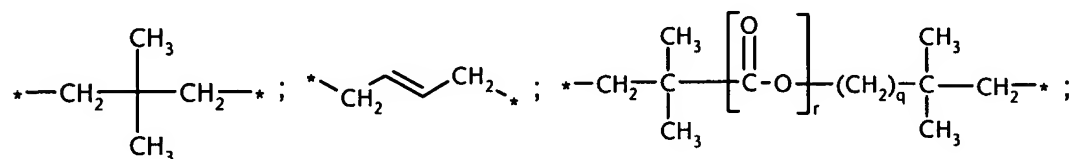
14. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 4 or 13~~, wherein, if n_1 is 2,

R_3 is a C_1 - C_{12} alkylene radical $[.]$ and

R_4 , R_2 and A are defined as in claim 1.

15. (original) Compound according to claim 14, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula $*-CH_2-(CH_2)_m-CH_2-*$; $*-CH_2-$  $-CH_2-*$;



r is 0 or 1; and

q = is a number from 0 to 5.

16. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein, when n_1 is 3;

R_3 is a radical of formula (1a) $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-*$ or (1b) $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-\text{CH}_2-*$ $[.]$ and

p is a number from 0 to 3; and

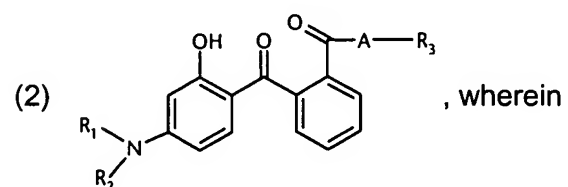
R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

17. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein, when n_1 is 4,

R_3 is a radical of formula $\begin{array}{c} * \\ | \\ *-C-* \\ | \\ * \end{array}$; or $\begin{array}{c} * \\ | \\ *-CH_2-C-CH_2-* \\ | \\ CH_2 \\ | \\ * \end{array}$; and

R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

18. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

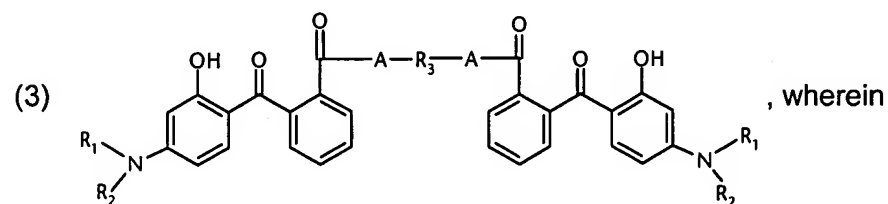


R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are hydrogen; or C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R_3 is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

19. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

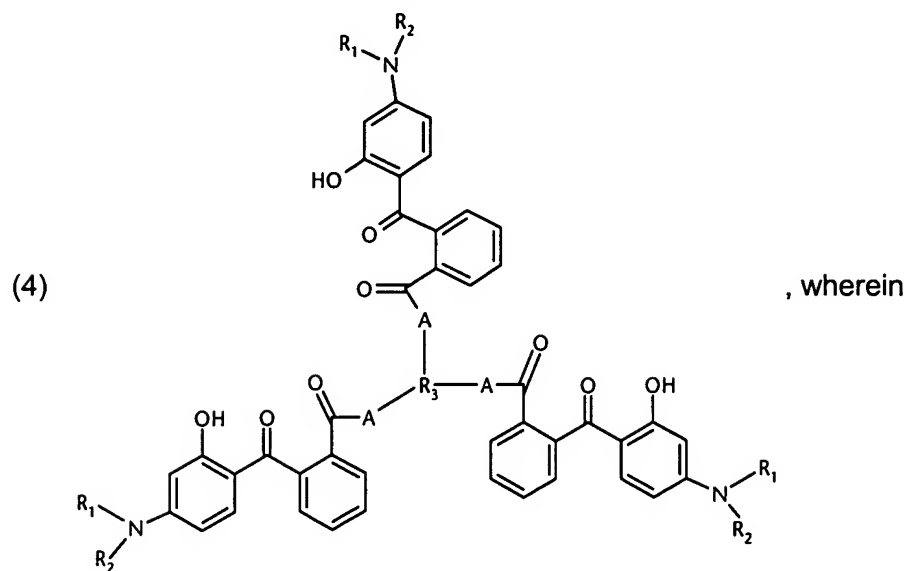


R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are hydrogen; or C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R_3 is a C_1 - C_{12} alkylene radical.

20. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



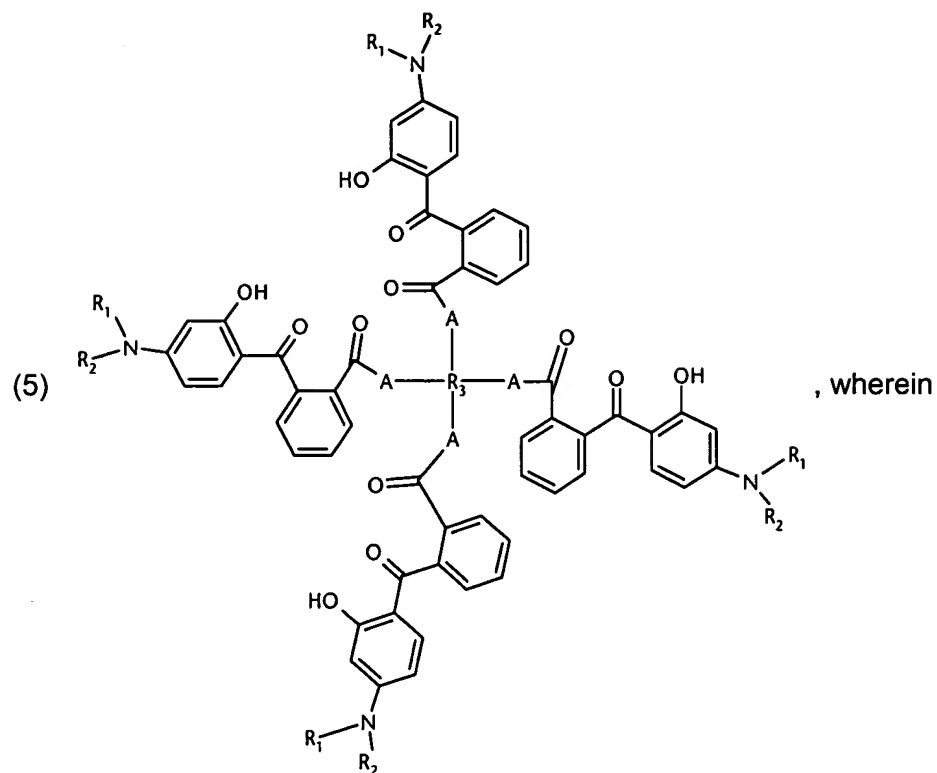
R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are hydrogen; or C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R_3 is $^*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{CH}_2-^*$ or $^*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-^*$; and

p is a number from 0 to 3.

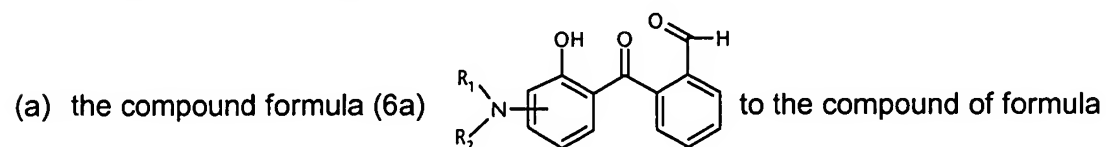
21. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

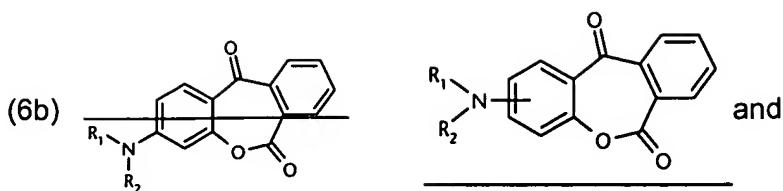


R_3 is a radical of formula $\begin{array}{c} * \\ | \\ * - C - * \\ | \\ * \end{array}$; or $\begin{array}{c} * \\ | \\ * - CH_2 - C - CH_2 - * \\ | \\ CH_2 \\ | \\ * \end{array}$; and

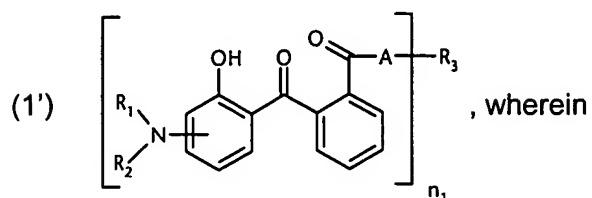
R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

22. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of the compounds of formula (1), which comprises, dehydratisating





(b) reacting the anhydride with the compound of formula (6c₁) H-N(R₅)-R₃ or (6c₂) H-O-R₃ to the compound of formula



R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is 1 to 4;

if n₁ is 1,

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀-[[C]]cyclohexyl not substituted or substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl; (Y-O)_pZ; C₆-C₁₀aryl; or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

Y is C₁-C₁₂alkylen;

Z is C₁-C₅alkyl;

p is a number from 1 to 20;

if n₁ is 2,

R₃ is a alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylene radical which is optionally interrupted by carbonyl- or carboxy group;

if n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

if n₁ is 4,

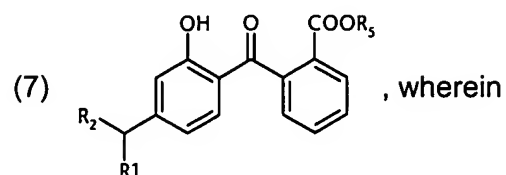
R₃ is a alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-;

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

23. (currently amended) Process according to claim 22, wherein the process refers to compounds of formula



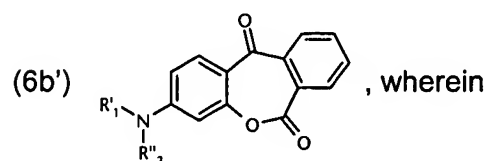
R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₁₂alkyl; and
R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₂alkyl; or C₃-C₆-[[C]]cycloalkyl.

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

26. (original) A cosmetic preparation comprising at least one or more compounds of formula (1) according to claim 1 with cosmetically acceptable carriers or adjuvants.

27. (currently amended) Compounds of formula

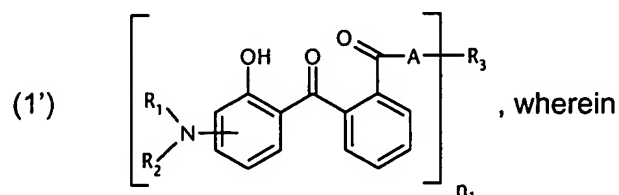


R₁' and R₂'' independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) UV-Absorber-dispersion, comprising .

(a) a micronised UV absorber of formula



R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

when n₁ is 1,

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cyclohexyl not substituted or substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl-~~substituted C₃-C₄₀cyclohexyl~~; (Y-O)_pZ; C₆-C₁₀aryl; or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

Y C₁-C₁₂alkylen;

Z C₁-C₅alkyl;

p is a number from 1 to 20;

when n₁ is 2,

R₃ is a alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylen- radical optionally interrupted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group;

if n₁ is,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

if n₁ is 4,

R₃ is an alkanetetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl;

~~R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl~~ **[[:]]**

having a particle size from 0 **[[:]]** .02 to 2 μm, and

(b) a suitable dispersing agent.

30. (new) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 26, wherein the compounds of formula (1) are present in micronized form.